

House Resolution No. 977

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have generously donated an exceptional amount of time and energy to ensuring excellence in the educational experiences of students; and

Whereas, Dr. Thomas F. George has served as Chancellor and Professor of chemistry and physics at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis since September 1, 2003; and

Whereas, on Thursday, March 11, 2004, Dr. George will be formally installed as the seventh University of Missouri-Saint Louis Chancellor through a solemn Inaugural Ceremony which will be held in the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center on Natural Bridge Road; and

Whereas, after his installation as Chancellor, Dr. George will deliver the 2004 Chancellor's Report to the Community; and

Whereas, Chancellor Thomas George oversees all academic and administrative operations of the University of Missouri-Saint Louis campus with its 2,500 faculty and staff members, 40 academic buildings, \$150 million budget, and 16,000 students; and

Whereas, Chancellor George brings to his leadership of the University of Missouri-Saint Louis a wealth of experience and knowledge which he garnered from earlier positions as a Professor at the University of Rochester in New York, Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Provost and Academic Vice President of Washington State University, and Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; and

Whereas, an active researcher, Chancellor George holds a doctorate in theoretical chemistry from Yale University and is an accomplished jazz pianist who has performed extensively in public and recorded an album of compositions by female composers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the visionary leadership evinced by Dr. Thomas George during his exceptional career as a teacher, researcher, and administrator and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as he is installed as Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Saint Louis; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Chancellor Thomas F. George of the University of Missouri-Saint Louis.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 977, adopted March 9, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker